with the foreign company's work right from the beginning.

9. The entire data acquired by the foreign company will be available to ONGC.

10. The assets acquired for permanent use in petroleum operations would become ONGC's property once the cost recovery for such assets is claimed by the foreign oil company, without any further payment by ONGC.

(c) No foreign exchange outgo is involved until a commercial discovery of petroleum is made and ONGC exercises the option to participate in the development and protection of such discovery.

Modernisation of Coal Industry in West Bengal

698. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposals under their consideration for the improvement and modernisation of the coal industry in West Bengal with an estimated investment of Rs. 700 crores;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) at what stage each of the proposal rests at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Most of the coal mines in West Bengal are being operated and developed by Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL), a subsidiary of Coal India Limited. Against the total 7th Plan provision of Rs. 1014 crores for ECL, the developmental outlays of ECL on coal mines in West Bengal amounted to about Rs. 300 crores in the first three years of the 7th Plan and a further outlay about Rs. 120 crores is envisaged during the current year.

(b) and (c) The ECL outlay on West Bengal coal mines consists of outlay on over 50 mines both completed as well as ongoing. Satgram, Jhanjra and Sonepur-Bazari are the major sanctioned and ongoing projects in West Bengal. Some more projects including major projects like Kottadih, Jambad and Ghusik, are in various stages of investment decision; the projects are likely to yield production results during the 8th/9th Plan periods.

Rural electrification

699. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for rural electrification during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 in different States; and

(b) the number of villages electrified during the aforesaid period ,Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) A statement indicating State-wise targets and achievement of village electrification during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 is enclosed (Annexure). (*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 35)

Distribution of LPG connections in West Bengal

700. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the details of requirements of LPG cylinders in West Bengal per month during the year 1986, 1987 and so far in 1988;

(b) what was actual supply made during the above period per month;

(c) what are the reasons for shortfall, if any;

(d) whether there is any plan to set up any LPG bottling plant in the State to meet the growing requirement;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and by when the plant is likely to be set up; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons thereof?